



Arts & Community Events

January 2009 Calendar of Events

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PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Ethnic Express Folk Dancing

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 S. Brush St., **229-6383**

Folk dances are the aerobics of our ancestors! Join us to learn the traditional dances of Armenia, Bulgaria, China, Greece, Israel, Macedonia, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and more.

Tickets: \$4 per person, per day

Mandarin Series Family Films — “The King of Masks”

A cinematic celebration of the Chinese culture and the Chinese (Lunar) New Year in January.

Thursday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 S. Brush Street, **229-6383**

Set in 1930s Sichuan, this touching, exquisite tale combines theatrical flamboyance and evocative settings in which a traveling magician adopts a boy disciple who turns out to be a girl. "The King of Masks" is a story of unconditional love that will melt your heart. Starring Chu Yuk and Chao Yim Yin. Director: Wu Tianming. Made in China in 1999, this color film is rated PG-13, lasts 101 minutes and is in Mandarin with English subtitles.

Tickets: \$3

Gospel Fusion Concert

Friday, January 9, 7 p.m.

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

Experience various cultures as they share their expression of Gospel music in their own style.

Tickets: \$7 all seats

Donna Clark & Brian Coleman

Saturday, January 10, 3 p.m.

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., **229-4800**

This couple present original spoken word and music, as well as poets from the past, which speak to the heart and soul, bringing a spiritual experience that heals.

Free admission

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Saturday Contra Dancing (all ages)*Cosponsored by the Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers***Saturday, January 10, 7 – 10 p.m.; group lessons 6:30 p.m.****Charleston Heights Arts Center**800 S. Brush Street, **229-6383**

Dance to the live music of an acoustic band playing joyful fiddle tunes, driving reels, and a waltz or two. These lively community dances recapture aspects of New England and frontier barn dances, with more modern twists. All dances are taught and called, newcomers and families are welcomed. No need to bring a partner. Wear comfortable flat-soled shoes and casual clothing.

Tickets: \$7 adults; \$5 members, students & military; \$3 for children under 16 and non-dancing adults.

Cine en el Centro Film Series – “Maria Full of Grace”*With La Nueva 103.5 FM, Recuerdo 99.3 FM, El Tiempo, Tortillas Los Arcos and El Mercadito***Thursday, January 15, 6 p.m. film introduction; 6:30 p.m. film****East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**250 N. Eastern Ave., **229-1515**

Series curator Luis Bonilla will introduce the film and lead a discussion in Spanish afterwards. Maria Alvarez (Catalina Sandino), a bright, spirited 17-year old, lives with three generations of her family in a cramped house in rural Colombia. Desperate to leave her job stripping thorns from flowers in a rose plantation, Maria accepts a lucrative offer to transport packets of heroin, which she must swallow, to the United States. The ruthless world of international drug trafficking proves to be more than Maria bargained for as she becomes ultimately entangled with both drug cartels and immigration officials. The dramatic thriller builds toward a conclusion so powerful and revealing it could only be based on a thousand true stories. This 2004 film is rated R, runs 101 minutes, and is in Spanish with English subtitles.

Mandarin Series Family Films — “Iron & Silk”*A cinematic celebration of the Chinese culture and the Chinese (Lunar) New Year in January.***Thursday, January 15, 6:30 pm****Charleston Heights Arts Center**800 S. Brush Street, **229-6383**

“Iron & Silk” is the enchanting true story of a charismatic American who worked in China as an English teacher while studying with legendary martial arts great Pan Qingfu. Set against the spectacular backdrop of the Chinese landscape, “Iron & Silk” is both a humorous and serious examination of the cultural differences between two men who work toward a common goal. Starring Pan Qingfu, Jeannette Lin Tsui and Mark Salzman. Director: Shirley Sun. Made in China in 1990, this color film is rated PG, lasts 92 minutes and is in English.

Tickets: \$3

Bandstand Jam Series - MENORES, Rock en Español**Friday, January 16, 7 p.m.****East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**250 N. Eastern Ave., **229-1515**

Join us for an evening of youthful Latin music by local Las Vegas band, MENORES. In the undying spirit of Rock en Español, MENORES, a band comprised of four soulful youth have managed to rock the Las Vegas desert to its core, promoting a positive outlook by creating music that sends a message of love, understanding and the universal need for freedom. This is a performance you won't want to miss!

Free admission

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The Poets' Corner**Friday, January 16, 7 p.m.****West Las Vegas Arts Center**947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., **229-4800**

Keith Brantley hosts a forum for established poets and open-microphone participants.

Free admission

Las Vegas Wind Quintet**Saturday, January 17, 2 p.m.****Charleston Heights Arts Center**800 S. Brush St., **229-6383**

The Las Vegas Wind Quintet members include Sherrie Parker on flute, Mika Brunson on oboe/English horn, Dave Hawley on clarinet, Doug Beasley on horn, and bassoonist Sam Pisciotta. The quintet members are long-time Las Vegas professional musicians.

Free admission

Mandarin Series Family Films — "The Road Home"*A cinematic celebration of the Chinese culture and the Chinese (Lunar) New Year in January.***Thursday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.****Charleston Heights Arts Center**800 S. Brush Street, **229-6383**

From the director of "Not One Less" and "Happy Times" comes this tenderhearted love story of a teenage girl and a handsome school master who arrives in her remote village in northern China during the days of Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution. Starring Zhang Ziyi, the young actress who played the willful governor's daughter in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." Director: Zhang Yimou. Made in China in 2000, this film is rated G, lasts 100 minutes and is in Mandarin with English subtitles.

Tickets: \$3

Mariachi Nuevo de Las Vegas Concert**Friday, January 23, 7 p.m.****East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**250 N. Eastern Ave., **229-1515**

Mariachi Nuevo de Las Vegas was formed in November 2007 by Adam Romo and Michael Sital. The group consists of seven of the finest mariachi musicians from around the country. With many years of combined mariachi music experience, Mariachi Nuevo looks to spread their passion for the rich cultural music that represents their heritage to audiences across the nation. Aside from being professional musicians, Mariachi Nuevo is made up of seven full-time mariachi music educators from the Clark County School District. The members also are ambassadors of the mariachi music education movement that has exploded in school districts across the country. Mariachi Nuevo de Las Vegas is quickly becoming one of the nation's most esteemed mariachi groups. With composers and arrangers in the group, Mariachi Nuevo is putting a contemporary spin on the mariachi sound for the 21st century, while still holding dear the traditional favorites of their parents and grandparents. It is the love of the music and the pride of their heritage that will make Mariachi Nuevo the premier mariachi group of Las Vegas.

Tickets \$10, children 12 and under free

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Saturday Contra Dancing (all ages)

Cosponsored by the Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers

Saturday, January 24, 7 – 10 p.m.; group lessons 6:30 p.m.

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Lady V Concert

Saturday, January 24, 7 p.m.

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

Enjoy the soulful performance of vocalist Lady V as she sings classic R&B/Soul well-known favorites and spices it up with a dash of jazz and pop.

Tickets: \$7 all seats

Voces Latinas: WORKS ON PAPER FROM 1921 – PRESENT

January 27 – March 22

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., **229-4800**

Showcasing works by 15 artists who represent the diverse range of creative voices within the Latino community, *Voces Latinas: Works on Paper from 1921 – Present* is a traveling exhibition by the Nevada Arts Council. Curated by Ann M. Wolfe, curator for the Nevada Museum of Art, *Voces Latinas* (which translates to Latino Voices) touches on complex subjects and issues that continue to inspire dialogue and debate within and beyond the Latino community. The artists in *Voces Latinas* explore a range of themes that have long been important within Latino culture. A glimpse into early prints by Diego Rivera and Jose Clemente Orozco reveals the traditional importance of religion and the family. *Voces Latinas* features works by Enrique Chagoya, Camille Rose Garcia, Carmen Lomas Garza, Elizabeth Gomez, Sergio Gonzalez-Tornero, Gronk, Luis Jimenez, Jr., Jose Chavez Morado, Jose Clemente Orozco, Diego Rivera, Gustavo Ramos Rivera, Tino Rodriguez, Frank Romero, Rufino Tamayo and Patssi Valdez.

Free admission

Night Groovin' – Mardi Gras Mambo

Friday, January 30, 7 p.m.

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

On guitar, clarinet and bass, Mardi Gras Mambo's New Orleans-style Dixieland Jazz will get your feet tapping, hands clapping and knees bouncing.

Tickets: \$7 all seats

Young Men's Conference: Building Sturdy Bridges in the 21st Century

Saturday, January 31, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., **229-4800**

The West Las Vegas Arts Center, with the Clark County Library District and the Clark County School District, will hold a conference hosting 100 young men in the age ranges of 10 to 16. Activities will focus on leadership, education, family values, finances and character-building activities. Registration will begin in October 2008 and continue through January 2009. Call 229-4800 for information.

Free admission

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